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Subject: **Two New Idaho Federal Judges Named**

Chief United States District Judge B. Lynn Winmill announced the appointments of Boise attorney Candy W. Dale and Pocatello state District Judge Ronald E. Bush to fill the vacancies created by the retirements of United States Magistrate Judges Mikel H. Williams and Larry M. Boyle in 2008.



Ms. Dale will succeed Judge Williams and begin her work as a federal judge on March 30, 2008, and Bush will succeed Judge Boyle and take office on September 30, 2008. The District of Idaho will not lose the services or combined 46 years of judicial experience of Judges Boyle and Williams, as both will continue their work as magistrate judges, but on recall status.

Ms. Dale graduated from the College of Idaho with honors in 1979 and received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Idaho College of Law in 1982 and served as Editor in Chief of the law review. From 1982 to 1988 Dale was an associate and shareholder at the Boise law firm of Moffatt Thomas Barret & Blanton. She is currently a commercial and business lawyer in the Boise law firm of Hall, Farley, Oberrecht & Blanton where she has practiced law since 1988 and is the current President of the firm.

Judge Bush graduated from the University of Idaho with honors in 1979 and from the George Washington University School of Law in 1983. Prior to his appointment in 2003 as a state district judge in the Sixth Judicial District in Pocatello, he had been a partner in both the Boise and Pocatello offices of Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley.



In addition to having active federal court trial practices, Dale and Bush served as lawyer representatives to the United States District Court for Idaho and both have served on many District of Idaho and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals committees.

The names of both appointees will now be submitted to the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts in Washington D.C. who shall request full-field background reports by the Federal Bureau of Investigation prior to their taking office. Following receipt of those reports, an order of appointment as United States Magistrate Judges will be issued formally appointing both nominees.

The appointment of Judge Bush and Ms. Dale was the culmination of a rigorous 6 month process. Earlier this year, Judges Winmill and Lodge selected Robert Hamlin to chair a Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel. The panel consisted of eleven members, including nine attorneys and two lay members. After conducting a state-wide survey of attorneys, the Merit Selection Panel conducted interviews and forwarded seven names to the Board of Judges for their consideration.

In making the announcement of these two appointments, Chief Judge Winmill stated, “We are truly fortunate that, from this rigorous process, we were able to appoint two individuals who are so well-qualified, well-respected and well-prepared to serve in the federal judiciary.”

District Judge Edward J. Lodge who joined in making the appointments said: “The cream always rises to the top and here we have two rich in experience and talent and ably qualified to handle the challenges ahead of them.”

Chief Magistrate Judge Mikel H. Williams, commented about the appointments as follows: “The citizens of the state of Idaho will be well served by the appointment of these well qualified attorneys to the federal bench. Candy W. Dale brings a wealth of litigation experience to the bench, is held in high regard by her peers and is one of the most respected trial lawyers in Idaho. Ron E. Bush had a successful career as an attorney, has a distinguished record on the state trial bench and has received high ratings from the attorneys who have tried cases in his court. I am particularly pleased that when Candy Dale assumes the United States Magistrate Judge's position that I have held with the federal court, she will be the first woman judge in the history of our District.”

Magistrate Judge Larry M. Boyle offered the following statement: “Included in the large applicant pool there were a number of fine lawyers and experienced state court judges who were qualified to serve as federal judges. From among those many applicants, Ms. Dale and Judge Bush were selected and both are highly qualified and will serve with great distinction. I am looking forward to serving on Idaho's federal bench with them.”